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http://www.usmc.mil



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## MCLB employee graduates USDA leadership course

By Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat **Press Chief** 

The Executive Leadership Program is a developmental program that provided leadership, managerial training and development opportunities for mid-level Federal employees, preparing them for future leadership positions.

Considered by many in government service a challenging program, the Executive Leadership Course has given Lorella Garcia, Comptroller's Office, a new outlook and the challenge she believe she needed to propel herself to the next level.

Under the direction of the Leadership Development Academy of the Graduate School, United States department of Agriculture, the program is open to regional and local employees, but all required training takes place in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area and surrounding residential sites.

The program was designed with non-supervisory employees or new supervisors with less than on year's supervisory experience as the focus. Employees at the Government Service level

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## MCLB Barstow goes to THREATCON D

The base is currently in Threat Condition "Delta" the same as other High Desert military installations.

The base is still accessible but only through the Nebo and Yermo Annex front gates. All vehicle occupants wanting to enter the base must be prepared to provide a picture I.D. Vehicle registration, proof of insurance may also be required and random vehicle searches should be anticipated.

Although business is continuing, base residents, military personnel, base employees and visitors to special events should allow more time when entering the base.

The Military Police request everyone's cooperation during the heightened security measures underway at the base.

This information was the most current at publication date

## JSOQ prides himself on being professional, jack of all trades

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

**BARSTOW LOG staff** 

Hospitalman 3rd Class Dominic Topete is the reign-

ing Junior Sailor of the Quar-

Topete works at the MCLB Barstow Branch Medical Clinic. At the clinic, he considers himself a "jack of all trades."

"I inspect for cleanliness of buildings like the commissary, and the Family Restaurant and the credentials of the staff working there," said Topete. "I am also in charge of military records, making sure all active duty military and family members keep up with their shots, physicals and immunizations."

Topete was promoted to Petty Officer 3rd Class in June. Out of the thousands of corpsmen who took the promotion test, he was one of a few hundred who actually made the grade.

Topete is also involved in many extra-curricular, offduty activities. He is the vice president of the High Desert

Navy Association, and the vice president of the Navy's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation chapter on base.

He also plays on the clinic's intramural basketball team. Currently he is planning the Navy Birthday events for the Nav Detachment on base. Along with Hospitalman 3rd Class Angel Sweetser, they are coordinating the party which will include a trip to the Veteran's Home of Barstow to visit with Navy veterans and share the birthday



Hospitalman 3rd Class Dominic Topete finishes administering a shot. Topete is in charge of making sure all active duty military and family members keep up to date on their shot record.

the Navy. His hidden talent is eating. He can eat seven junior bacon cheeseburgers, three large fries, two sodas, and

two milkshakes in one sitting. He also takes down a bag

of sunflower seeds every day at work. His dream is to

own a Ducati motorc cle, but his wife won't let him.

Cynthia Topete, who also works at the MCLB Branch Medical Clinic. They met while they were both stationed at Naval Air Station Rota, Spain. They have a one-year-old son named Tristin. Recently, Topete helped the clinic get ready for a Joint

Topete is married to

Hospitalman 2nd Class

Accreditation Commission Health Organization inspection which they did fantastic on. He is also one year away from receiving a bachelor's degree. He is currently taking classes at Barstow College and Excelsior Nursing School.

In June, Topete is joining the Navy Special Forces because he wants to be in Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

He has spent nine months at Barstow, and three years and seven months in

#### The 6:30 p.m. event presents an opportunity for individuals of all civilian walks of life and military ranks from local communities, the National Training Center and Marine Corps Logistics Base to get better acquainted and strengthen community relationships in a friendly social setting.

The annual community-wide

Military Mixer is at the Oasis

Military

Mixer

tonight

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Club tonight.

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The Military Affairs Committee of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, the NTC and MCLB have co-hosted the mixer for eleven years.

Tickets are \$18 per person for military officers, civilian leadership and military enlisted E-6 and above and \$12.50 for military enlisted E-1 to E-5.

A buffet menu of hot and spicy drummettes, plain drummettes, meatballs, meat and cheese trays, cream puffs, fruit and relish trays and chips and dips, punch, iced tea and coffee. A no-host bar is

For more information call the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617.

## Television provides bad examples of life for children

By Maj Annita Best

Camp Lejeune

This week I have seen some things; that have burdened my heart. If you've been watching or listening to any news this week, you've probably witnessed them too.

I lead a somewhat sheltered life. I refrain from watching too much televi-sion and even though I am a public affairs officer, must admit I try not to read the daily newspapers too much. The news is just too sad and disturbing.

I can't watch the news when my daughters are around. If they were to watch the news with me I would have to explain to them why a married man would pursue a single young girl who

works for him. I would have to define many sexual terms that I'm not even sure of myself. They would have to witness violence and murder that I don't allow them to watch in the movies - let alone real life.

They would wonder in disbelief why a young man only five years older than my nine-year old would shoot his teacher for not allowing him to talk to his girlfriend.

His sentencing is scheduled this week. This young man will probably grow up in federal prison. I'd have to bet the odds are against him of being able to overcome an upbringing like

When I think back to myself at age 14, my biggest concern was whether or not I was in the "in" or the "out" crowd that day. I can't fathom what my life would be like if I had spent the last 25 years in a federal prison.

Another incident that occurred this week was the sentencing of a 21-year-old Marine lance corporal to seven years in prison for kidnapping a military policeman at knifepoint and gunpoint just to get attention. If what he wanted was attention, I guess he achieved that goal.

Both of these young men were the eldest children to mothers who reportedly were abused by their husbands. I don't know where the 14-yearold grew up, but the Marine grew up in a rough neighborhood in New York and was one of the few in his group of friends to finish high school and try to make something of his life.

I don't know this for a fact, but in addition to the violence they witnessed against their mothers, if they are like the majority of young people today, these young men both witnessed a lot of violence on television as well. It's almost impossible to turn on the television and not see violence or nudity or any other type of immoral behavior that today is lauded as freedom of speech and a choice.

In a newsletter put out by the American Family Association, network television shows are judged each week by the number of uses of violence, nudity, sexual innuendos, unchecked disrespectful acts towards authority figures and other

See TV Page 4

## Do you know what your story will tell at the end of the road?

In spite of ourselves, let us

make every effort to

include God in the story of

our lives.

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik

Base Chaplain



commercial had a

subtitle that said,

Every life has a

Each and every

one of us has a story

about our own life.

My story or your story may not be a

story.

television this week when a commercial came on about a publication that tells true stories about famous people. The

I was watching

What does my story say about that

It tells that I have made mistakes in that relationship, that more times than not I want my own way.

The story also reveals how time and time again I realize how important my relationship is with God and I keep returning.

God keeps taking me back because my story, just like your story, is so important to

Hebrews 12:14 tells us, "Make every effort

to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Our story with God needs to include the effort to live in peace and

holiness so that others may see the Lord. In spite of ourselves, let us make every effort to include God in the story of our lives.

One day when our stories are revealed, it can be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

Blessings to all, Chaplain Krupnik

## Just doing my job ...



Lieutenant Col. Charles M. Hamilton is the new Base Executive Officer. He arrives here after a tour as the commanding officer of Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Hamilton said he has been very impressed by the professionalism and motivation of the Marines and civilians he has met so far. He has served the Corps for 19 and a half years.

## Chapel

famous one, but it has value in the eyes of

The story of our life should include a

relationship with God. A relationship with

God that reveals in us how precious God is

We demonstrate the story of that

relationship in all that we do.

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services before Mass

### **Nebo Bible** Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the Chapel Office

For more info call 577-6849.

Correction: The graphic used with the Public Key Infrastructure story on Page 1 of the September 6 BARSTOW LOG led the reader to believe that PKI was part of the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet. PKI

is not a part of NMCI. However, PKI, which is a security initiative, will most likely be absorbed into NMCI once that transition is made. We regret the





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#### **Golf Classic**

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce 10th Annual Golf Classic is being held at the Tees and Trees Golf Course September 22.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 8 a.m.

The tournament format features the Chamber's traditional five-man team scramble. It also includes several popular contests such as Hole in One, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin.

Registration forms are available at the Chamber office.

For more info contact Billy Rosenberg, 256-1210 or the Chamber, 256-8617.

#### **TMO**

The base Travel Management Office coordinator is out of the office from September 9-22.

People needing answers to housing questions or needing appointments must contact the Fort Irwin Travel Management Office at 380-5380/5330/4252/3824 or visit them at Building 312 next to the Burger King on base.

#### **Leave Sharing**

Doris A. Logg, Supply Management Branch, Fleet Support Division, is affected by a medical emergency.

Anyone wishing to donate leave may submit a leave donor application to their department's administrative office.

#### Farmer's Market

The base commissary is holding a Farmer's Market Saturday and Sunday.

Some items available at this event include watermelon, white corn, 10-pound bags of potatoes, stone fruit and vine-ripened tomatoes.

For more info call James Meugniot, Commissary Director, 577-6438.

#### Medical Receipts May Mean Refund

When the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act was signed into law on October 30, 2000, a number of new TRICARE programs or enhancements were authorized by Congress. Although the law was effective immediately, budget limitations require many of these programs or enhancements be phased in over the next six to 12 months.

For example, on April 1, 2001, out-of-pocket costs (co-pays) for pharmacy were reduced, and for active duty family members in TRICARE Prime other copays were eliminated. Other programs or enhancements will be effective as soon as funding is available. Beneficiaries will be notified of the changes through all available communications channels.

In the meantime, TRICARE is advising beneficiaries to save any receipts (as well as explanations of benefits and other claims-related information) for medical services from Oct. 1, 2000 forward. As each new benefit is implemented, TRICARE will widely publish the details of when and how to submit claims.

For the latest information about TRICARE benefits check online at <a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil">http://www.tricare.osd.mil</a>, or call Gloria Sheppard, 577-6491 ext. 102.

#### **Reunion Info**

The Third Marine Division Association is holding its 47th annual Family Reunion in Irving, Texas, September 26-30.

All Marines who have served with or been attached to the 3rd MarDiv are encouraged to attend.

Also, the 1st Battalion/3rd Marines is holding its annual reunion in conjunction with the 3rd MarDiv Association reunion.

For more info on either reunion, call Sgt. Maj. Bill Krueger, USMC (ret.), (703) 451-3844 or Bill Ervin, (303) 494-7752.

#### **Public Lands Day**

The Bureau of Land Management is celebrating the 8th Annual National Public Lands Day by asking for 300 volunteers to participate in a variety of work projects in the Calico Mountains September 29.

Volunteers will work on various projects such as signing a principle network of off-highway vehicle trails, parking area delineation and gnereal clean-up of the area.

Registration begins at 6 a.m. with work starting at 7 and continuing until noon. Interpretive programs and volunteer recognition activities are planned for the afternoon.

Local sponsors are providing a barbecue lunch and the first 300 volunteers receive a T-shirt and free pass to Henderson Pool.

The Calico Mountain area is a scenic historic mining district that supports a cariety of outdoor activities including horseback riding, hiking, rock climbing, and limited OHV travel.

For more info call Rose Foster, 252-6011, or log onto the BLM Web site at <a href="http://www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/volunteer.html">http://www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/volunteer.html</a>.

## Hispanic Employment Luncheon

The Hispanic Employment Program Committee is planning a training luncheon for October 2, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oasis club in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month.

The menu for the event is a Mexican combination plate. This year's theme is "Hispanics Paving the way for Future Generations."

The guest speaker for the event is Capt. Antonio Martinez, director



Administration and Support Division.

Tickets for the event are \$7.50 and must be purchased by Septiment 21. For tickets contact:

Marva Johnson 577- 6965
David Mendez 577- 7246
Ed Tintos 577- 6347
Micheal Claudio 577- 6347
Delane Gutierrez 577- 7075
Anita Lewis 577- 6751

#### All Ranks Monday Night Football

All ranks are invited to watch Monday night football games at the Oasis Club on the big screen. there will be free finger foods and prizes the doors open at 5 p.m.

Final scoring bids will be taken at 5:55 p.m. for more info call Jo Yount at 577-6342.

## Emergency Blood Donations

Our Country has been hit with a terrible tragedy and it has been announced that they are in dire need of blood.

anyone wishing to donate blood is urged to call the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside counties for local donation points.

Call toll-free for more info at (800) 879-4484 or call their 24-hour hotline at (909) 885-6503.

Every donation is appreciated.

## Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	1st Cutoff	<b>Location</b>
DEU-338-01-NR	Small Arms Repairer	08-14-01	09-14-01	08-29-01	MCLB Barstow
	WS-6610-08				
DEU-400-01-NR	Civil Engineer	09/04/01	10/04-01	09/19/01	MCLB Barstow
	GS-0810-12				
DEU-409-01-NR	Recreation Assistant	09/04/01	09/18/01	09/07/01	MCLB Barstow
	GS-0189-05				
DEU-411-01-NR	Laborer	09/04/01	09/18/01	09/07/01	MCLB barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their résumé to:

Human Resources Service Center, Southwest

ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)

525 B Street, Suite 600

San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

If you have Internet access, browse to http://www.usajobs.opm.gov.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <a href="http://www.donhr.navy.mil">http://www.donhr.navy.mil</a>.

#### **Back to School Night**

Schools in the Barstow Unified School District invite all parents to attend "Back to School Night" activities. Each school has its own schedule of events for the evenings activities.

All of the schools' principals, teachers and staff will be on hand to meet and greet parents. One of the main goals of the open houses is to give parents and educators an opportunity to get acquainted and form beneficial ties that will help to foster academic growth in the schools. The schedule for the "Back to School Night" events is as follows:

Barstow High School	Tuesday	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Barstow Middle School	Tonight	6:15 – 8:00 p.m.
Crestline	Wednesday	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Henderson	Thursday	6:30 p.m. until
Hinkley	Wednesday	6:30 p.m. until
Lenwood	Thursday	6:30 p.m. until
Montara	Tuesday	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Skyline North	TBA	1
Thomson	Tuesday	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Barstow Unified School District Offices at 255-6021.

### Cleaning up after the storm



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

A Southern California Edison work crew repairs downed power lines damaged during a Labor Day storm. The damaged power lines left many area residents without power and caused SCE to close the main road leading to Yermo. Yermo Annex employees only learned of the road closing on their way to work during the morning commute.

#### TV from Page 2

situations that are not appropriate for children to view. You can probably guess that there are more shows that are inappropriate than are appropriate

My family's answer to this societal problem is to turn off the TV. I just don't allow violent and immoral TV in my home - for the sake of my children. It's bad enough when an adult views immoral behavior, but at least most of us can process it as make believe or at least improper, but when a child views immoral behavior or violence, they aren't yet capable of such processing, they think it's real.

I admit I've used the TV as a babysitter for my girls more than a few times but the key is to know what they were watching end make, sure it's appropriate for children in particular your children.

What may be O.K. for one child, may adversely affect another. My six-year-old runs out of the room if Arthur is about to get in trouble for breaking his mom's computer. I knowthat's a bit extreme, but the key is to know where your child is sensitive and be available to discuss things he or she has questions about.

Television writers and producers

can't be blamed completely for the inappropriate things we see on TV. It's what society wants. It sells advertising. I don't know about you, but I think reality television is going a bit too far.

My hope is that its popularity dies a quick death and soon, This includes all the daytime talk shows and Judge So-and-So know that we aren't interested in that type bf garbage. Why can't they come up with funny shows like Get Smart and Hogan's Heroes ... maybe even I Dream of Jeannie, bellybutton and all?

My kids would love shows like that. I know they are available on cable, but the last thing I want to do is spend money to bring additional TV stations into my home.

If you are a parent, you have the greatest responsibility known to mankind. The development and teaching of a precious little mind. You can determine what is to be impressed upon that mind. Make sure it is something that will help that little person become a big person of compassion and integrity.

Nothing we do can guarantee our children will grow up the way we want them to, but when you take an active role in their lives and set guidelines your odds are greatly improved.

# SCAM

#### Compiled by

**Barstow Log staff** 

Think twice before you return a call to an 809 area code phone number. Doing so could cost you big bucks, according to a Headquarters Marine Corps press release.

Dialing the 809 area code and phone number completes the fraud.

This fraud is being distributed to all of the country. It is pretty scary especially given the way they try to get you to call.

Web pages, phone calls and emails are being used to coax people to call the numbers. The scam is

spreading extremely quickly and can easily cost as much as \$24,000.

Verizon Phone Company principally spread word of the scam. This scam has also been identified by the National Fraud Information Center and costing victims a lot of money. There are many different permuta-

tions of this scam.

Here is how it works. You will receive a message on your phone answering machine or your pager, which asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809. The reason you are asked to call varies. It could be to receive information about a family member who has been ill, to tell you someone has been arrested, died, to let you know that you have won a wonderful prize, etc.

In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls.

I you call from the U.S., you will apparently be charged \$2,425 per minute. Or, you'll get a long recorded message. The point is to keep the caller on the phone for as long as possible to increase the charges. Unfortunately, when you get

your phone bill, you will often be charged more than \$24,100.

Why it works

The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands. The 809 area code can be used as a "pay-per-call" number similar to 900 numbers. Since it is located outside of the U.S., it is not covered by the same regulations as 900 numbers, which requires that callers be notified of the charges and rates of the call.

There is also no requirement that the company provide a time during which you may terminate the call without being charged. Further,

> whereas many phones have blocked 900 numbers, 809 numbers are not included in the option.

Consumers are advised to disregard all calls from numbers originating from or for 809 numbers.

Trying to fight the charges afterwards can become a

real nightmare. That is because you actually did make a return call to an 809 number.

If you complain, neither your local phone company or your long distance carrier will get involved and tell you that they simply provide the billing for the foreign company that argues that they have done no wrong.

Things are about to get worse because that infamous off-shore area code (809) is in the process of breaking up into smaller chunks, and you'll soon have to think twice about calling any of the following area codes:

242, 246, 264, 268, 284, 345, 441, 473, 664, 758, 869, 868, 876, and 809.

Please inform all of your friends and relatives of this scam.

More information about this fraud can be found at www.att.com/ fraud/home.htm.



Think twice before dialing 809 area code phone numbers ... it could cost more than imagineable.

## AROUND THE CORPS

## Marines shut down Broadway, assault The Late Show

By Staff Sgt. Robert Knoll
New York Public Affairs

NEW YORK — In the heart of one of the most famous cities in the world, 60 Marines stormed Broadway while shouting an echoing cadence that could be heard for miles. Traffic was stopped but the Marines weren't — and after halting in front of the Ed Sullivan Theater on 53rd and Broadway, they ran straight onto The Late Show with David Letterman in front of more than 10 million viewers Friday night.

"I'll just tell you one thing, do I have any regrets in my life? No. Except maybe one; I wish I was a Marine," David Letterman said during his opening monologue about his "shortcomings."

He prefaced the Marine Corps appearance with his usual comedy by saying that if he was a Marine, the network "pinheads" wouldn't push him around. In order to keep viewers glued to the broadcast, Letterman teased them by saying, "On the show tonight, we have some Marines that's all I'm going to say."

The Marine demonstration was the final five minutes of the hourlong show.

The platoon that stormed down Broadway was comprised of local active-duty and reserve Marines from the 6th Communications Battalion of Brooklyn and the 2nd Battalion 25th Marine Regiment of Garden City.

Staff Sgt. James Mason, a drill instructor from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., filled the shoes as the platoon sergeant as he guided the formation run

from its starting point at 55th Street and Broadway.

Using a "recon shuffle," they ran south on Broadway yelling some of the cadences that has made the Marine Corps famous. The platoon halted below the show's giant marquis at the Ed Sullivan Theater where The Late Show is taped.

After a few precision drill movements, the Marines double-timed through the corridors of the theater and onto the stage all while singing Letterman's favorite cadences.

Once the Marines were on stage in a platoon formation, they spread into two columns, which presented a color guard in Dress Blues from 2/25. In addition to the platoon and the color guard, 23 Marines in Dress Blues were in the studio audience as a supporting cast.

For years, David Letterman has been a big fan and supporter of the Marine Corps, according to Sheryl Zelikson, a Late Show music coordinator. He got the idea for this demonstration by listening to the drill instructor cadence tapes when he ran.

To ensure that the right Marine was selected, more than 13 drill instructors from New York City, Quantico, Va., and Parris Island S.C. were auditioned by the show. Two finalists were selected and both participated in the demonstration.

The Late Show selected Mason because of his powerful voice and cadence singing ability, Zelikson said. He has been on the drill field for about 2 ½ years and completed two cycles as a senior drill instructor. After his tour as a drill instructor, he plans on returning to his

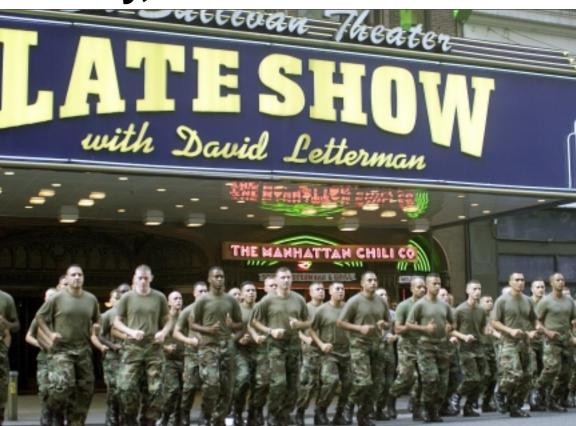


Photo by SSgt. Robert Kno

Under the lights and in front of the cameras at the Ed Sullivan Theater, 60 Marines from 6th Communications Battalion of Brooklyn and 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment of Garden City rehearse for their appearance on The Late Show with David Letterman, September 5. The show featured the platoon running down Broadway, then entering the studio singing Marine Corps cadences.

military occupational specialty of aviation support.

Mason was no stranger to being in the spotlight. He said he has gained experience performing in front of large crowds with his church group. Mason has played piano and organ in front of thousands of people and those experiences can be attributed to his flawless performance on national television.

In addition to the positive effects

on The Late Show's ratings, the appearance also had a positive impact for the Marine Corps.

"Whenever the Marine Corps goes out and does any type of event, any community relations event, it's showing the American public that we're still here and we're still meeting their standards, meeting their expectations and even exceeding them at times," according to Maj. Robert Winchester, public affairs officer

for the Marine Corps Recruiting Command in Quantico, Va. "It builds awareness. Most people know that there's a Marine Corps, it's just reinforcing it and keeping our image alive and well."

The Late Show's history goes back to its first airing in February 1982. Since then the show has been on the air and it has received five Emmys and 40 Emmy nominations.

# An aspiring leader From Page 1

11 through 13, is the program's target group.

Garcia, a GS-11 who has spent most of her adult years in government service, fit the mold perfectly.

"Many people get into the mindset that they are in a nice place, they call it home, and they just figure that it's the place they are going to retire from," said Garcia. "Before I took part in this program, I was that very same way," added the native Barstownian.

Since completing the leadership program, Garcia has a new, broadened perspective. Attaining a higher level of professional success and service to country is her goal.

"Before I took part in this program, I attended the training by the Civilian Leadership Development program, and we got an announcement on the Executive Leadership Program and I applied for it," recalled Garcia. Garcia was selected from among other candidates for the program before the final decision was approved by the Base's Commanding Officer.

Nearly 300 other employees from agencies and departments across the Federal spectrum took part in the yearlong program, according to Garcia.

Program participants are challenged by a 12-part curriculum that, according to Garcia, places emphasis on the development of the whole person and their abilities to function in a team.

"I can't say how grateful I am to have been able to take part in the program," said Garcia, who admits that at first she felt overwhelmed at the depth of the assignments required to complete the course.

"We received tons of training and leadership opportunities, and anywhere that you wanted to go, in any agency, the door was open for you because they are all aware of the program," she added.

In addition to completing the numerous tasks and assignments, also built into the curriculum was time for team critiques and constructive criticism. Garcia guessed that about 15 percent of the time was devoted to the critiques, but wishes that more time could have been afforded because of the personal growth she and many of her cohorts were able to gain as a result.

The required residency work gave Garcia her first opportunity to visit the capital and a chance to form bonds with newfound friends.

"Of my team members, I would have to say that there were many friendships started that will endure well into the future," said Garcia. "That's one of the most striking things ... the bonds we formed."

An advantage of the leadership program has over similar programs is that it is tailored to the participant's own developmental needs; focusing on the competencies and effectiveness characteristics that particular individual needs to become a successful leader.

Back at work, trophy in tow, Garcia said she was anxious to get back to work and give the command a return on its invest-

The program's curriculum Core Training Session Outstanding Leadership Practices Closeout Week Activities Leadership Development Presentation Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Leadership Effectiveness Inventory 30-day Developmental Assignment 60-day Developmental Assignment Shadowing Assignment Five Executive Interviews Three Management book reviews Lorrella Garcia

## READY, FRONT

Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

## Commandant commends retention effort

Marines, congratulations on achieving this year's First Term Alignment Plan.

Your contention efforts continue to serve our Corps splendidly.

This fiscal year you were directed to reenlist 6,073 first term Marines, a goal greater than any previously set in the short history of FTAP. Commanding generals, commanding officers, sergeants major and career planners did a superb job in charting courses to reach unit missions throughout the year.

All Marine leaders, NCOs, SNCOs and officers alike, were thoroughly engaged and were responsible for our success.

The fiscal year 2001 FTAP goal was met nearly two months prior to the close of the year. You reached this goal by carefully monitoring MOS strengths. In addition to attaining the aggregate FTAP number, MOS match exceeded every former goal and significantly bolstered the future of our career force.

Greater MOS match also ensures our com-

mands to receive the right Marine with the fiscal year 2002 retention goals. Stay in the appropriate skill.

Your attention towards retaining career Marines helped preserve a strong career force. Keeping experienced Marines is critical and will eventually contribute towards stabilizing and decreasing out year FTAP goals.

Well done on achieving this year's FTAP goal. Thank you for the time and effort extended in making retention a priority.

Best wishes for next year as we prepare for

fight and stay Marine.

Semper Fidelis,

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General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps

# Rifle Range 5-01 Scores

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bryan McClune 37 Sharpshooter 1st Lt. John Norris 36 Sharpshooter Staff Sgt. Johnny Garcia 34 Marksman Staff Sgt. Anthony Hill 38 Sharpshooter Staff Sgt. Jose Leal-Munoz 40 Expert Sgt. Nicolas Alderete 45 Expert Sgt. Fabian Garcia 57 Expert Sgt. Brian Gerk 35 Sharpshooter Cpl. Jason Edmiston 36 Sharpshooter Cpl. Alma Fragoso 36 Sharpshooter Cpl. Mario Marinmiramontes 40 Expert Cpl. Kyran Ramcharan 36 Sharpshooter Lance Ĉpl. Angelina Marrero 36 Sharpshooter Lance Cpl. Efren Rangel 30 Marksman

## Delinquent Government Travel Charge Cards

In October, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will begin involuntary payroll deductions for almost 8,000 Air Force personnel who are more than 120 days delinquent on their government travel charge card accounts.

Air Force Print News reports that these deductions will help Bank of America recoup the millions of dollars that cardholders owe on past due ac-

Before any payroll deduction begins, Bank of America will notify each cardholder with an account that is 90 days past due and offer options on how

the account can be settled voluntarily.

If a cardholder defaults on these agreements or does not make arrangements with the bank to settle the account, the unpaid account balance will be submitted to DFAS for immediate involuntary payroll deduction.

This will also result in the permanent termination of all government travel charge card privileges for the offending cardholder.

There has been no notification of this happening to any Marine Corps personnel, but it may not be far off.

## Base Education O

The Base Education Office will be open during the hours of 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and again at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on September 17 and 18, 24 and 25, and October 1 and 2. They will be open for regular hours on all other days. If an appointment is necessary after hours, call 577-

## Quarters of the Month

The Base Commander Officer, Col. Ingrid E. Bergman, recognizes the following service members for their efforts in making Family Housing a High Desert Oasis

Officer's Quarters

USA Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Koch 1911 A Soissons

Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Quarters

Gunnery Sgt. Braderick Buford 1011 Cape Gloucester

**Enlisted Quarters** 

Sgt. James Soules 1404 Kwajalein

Eniwetok Area

Hospitalman 2nd Class Greg Hulburt 2011 Eniwetok

## CWC 732 repairing ground communications for Marine Corps

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

**BARSTOW LOG staff** 

Cost Work Center 732 is responsible for the repair of Marine Corps ground radar equip-

can detect a missile or any artillery shell fired in its direction from 24 clicks away. That is the equivalent of about 24 miles, which gives Marines enough time to react to the round fired at them. They do maintenance work on these to make sure the 46's give proper read-

> Repair work to the Driver's Display Module on Assault Amphibious Vehicles is done at CWC 732 as well. This is basically the control panel on the AAV, which gives the driver readings like oil pressure and engine temperature.

> The Control Distribution Assembly and the Power Distribution Assembly on the Light Armored Vehicle 25 are fixed at the same place. These parts control the handling and power the LAV can pump out.

CWC 732 also does maintenance on radios. The RT-1272AVGRC-171(V) is one of the main radios worked on. It is found in control towers and it tracks aircraft in the area. Obviously, keeping proper maintenance on these is vital to the safety of pilots and crew because if the data the radio puts out is inaccurate, it could cause aircraft to crash.

CWC 732 a vital cog in keeping the Marine Corps functional and prepared for operations.



Tom Graul, electronic integrated systems mechanic, checks a AN/TPQ-46A Fire Finder Radar for damage. The radar was damaged in the Labor Day storm and needed to be refaced

because of dents put in the sensors.

(LEFT) Fred Griego, electronic integrated systems mechanic, calibrates a power distribution assemblyfor a Light Armored Vehicle.

ment.

There are many different systems repaired at CWC 732. They range from equipment that detects missiles launched by the enemy to a device that detects seismic readings to know if any ground troops are invading the perimeter.

The Tactical Remote Sensing System is designed to protect Marines in the field from the enemy infiltrating their position undetected. It is a system of small devices that are buried in the ground, dropped from the sky, or set up on the ground that give readings to a central system, usually mounted in a vehicle.

They give off seismic readings, which means when the ground shakes, they detect it. The level of seismic reading tells if it is foot soldiers, vehicles or even tanks, by the levels the reading gives off.

This prevents the enemy from making a fullscale attack without being detected.

Every so often the vehicles the TRSS are mounted in go through an inspection, and if the TRSS needs work, they send it to CWC 732. CWC 732 runs diagnostic tests to find the problem with the system and fixes it.

They also work on other systems like the AN/TPQ-46A Fire Finder Radar. This device



Fred Murphy, electronic integrated systems mechanic. checks out a RT-1272AVGRC-171(V) radio. They keep track of aircraft in the sky from a control tower.



## By Jim Gaines MCCS Publicity

#### Bargains at MCX

Stop by the MCLB Exchange-Super Seven Store and look over the great 104th Anniversary Sale bargains. Don't miss the big sidewalk sale Saturday!

Are your uniforms ready for the Marine Corps Ball? Avoid that last minute rush. Order uniforms and



accessories at the MCLB Exchange for fastest service.

The Exchange/Super Seven Store is open Mondays - Fridays 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturdays 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Yermo Exchange is open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Open during troop rotations Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Lunch menu

Today – Spaghetti.
Friday – Red snapper.
Monday – Tuna casserole.
Tuesday – Pork short ribs.
Wednesday – Tarragon chicken.
Thursday:

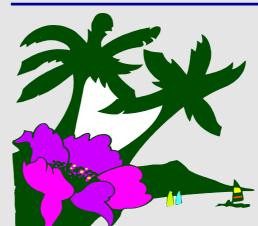
Nebo – Soup and salad bar. Yermo – Country fried steak. Lunch is served in Nebo from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Yermo 11:30 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$3 for military, \$4.50 for civilians.

## Family Night menu at Oasis Club

*Tonight* –Cancelled. *Next Thursday* – Mongolian BBQ. Family Night dinners served Thursdays at the Oasis Club, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Price for adults is \$.50, children five to 11 years \$3.50, children under 4 years are free.



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MCLB EXCHANGE

## SGLI scheduled to include spouses, children in coverage

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance plan will also cover troops' spouses and eligible children beginning November 1.

The Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001, signed by President Bush last spring, allows for up to \$100,000 coverage for military spouses and \$10,000 coverage for each child.

If the service member has SGLI coverage of \$100,000 or more, maximum coverage for the spouse will be automatic, and premiums will be deducted along with the member's premium from each month's pay. If the service member carries less than \$100,000 coverage, however, the spouse's coverage can be no higher than the member's, Navy Capt. Chris Kopang explained.

"For instance, if the member only had \$50,000 in coverage on himself, he can only get \$50,000 for his spouse," said Kopang, DoD director of compensation.

He added that spouse coverage must be elected in \$10,000 increments. Premiums will be based on amount of coverage elected and the spouse's age.

Coverage for children up to age 18, or 23 if a fulltime student, is free and automatic, so long as the member is participating in SGLI, Kopang said.

Eligible Reserve component members will receive the same family-member coverage with premiums being deducted from their drill pay, he said.

Service members will be able to decline or reduce spousal coverage, but officials are still working out the details. \*Opt out" procedures and updates will be posted to the SGLI Web site at http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm.

Kopang cautioned service members to think carefully before opting out.

"Members may sometimes feel they don't need life insurance for a spouse, especially if the spouse doesn't work outside the home," he said. "However, look at the cost of providing childcare, a nanny perhaps, or other things that contribute to maintaining the home. These are costs service members don't always realize they'll have."

Eligibility for spouse and children's coverage would end if the member terminates coverage, separates, retires, dies, or if the couple divorces.

However, spouse coverage will extend 120 days past the date eligibility ends.

'That will give the spouse the opportunity to convert their policy to a commercial policy," Kopang said.

Spouse coverage can be converted to commercial policies when the service member separates from the military, but cannot be converted to the Veterans' Group Life Insurance plan.

Spouse's age, Rate per \$1,000 and Maximum Monthly Premium						
Under 35	\$.09	\$9				
35-44	\$.13	\$13				
45-49	\$.20	\$20				
50-54	\$.32	\$32				
55+	\$.55	\$55				

## Marines sweep at NY Championship

## Corps' top shooters take top honors in traditional fashion

By Gunnery Sgt. Kim Worrell

1st Marine Corps District

WAPPINGER FALLS, N.Y. — The members of the Marine Corps Shooting Team, while on a whirlwind tour of the Northeast, proved they are more than just distinguished shooters ... they are "ambassadors of marksmanship" who attract shooters of all abilities everywhere they compete.

In addition to completely sweeping the competition at the Eastern Sectional New York State Outdoor Pistol Championship held at the Dutchess County Pistol Association firing

range in Wappinger Falls on 1 Sept, the eight members of the Marine's shooting team conducted a special clinic for their civilian counterparts.

After firing all day in the heat and humidity, and the threat of the occasional deer tick, the Marines entertained questions during an impromptu class held for an eager group of shooters representing the entire state of New York.

Anyone not intimately associated with this level of pistol competition would have been completely lost in the barrage of technical questions the Marines were receiving.

Everything from "crimping brass" to loading techniques and proper warm-up exercises to overcoming injuries were asked of the Marines. Several anxious hands would go up at once as soon as a question was answered.

The New York area competitors appeared to have a deep respect for the advice the Marines had to offer.

Master Sgt. William Bethards, pistol team staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge, seemed to have the best advice for all the competitors judging by their applause. "Shoot like you've got something to loose ... like your fighting for your life," he metaphorically advised.

There were many questions about training, and each Marine had a piece of helpful advice.

Staff Sgt. Dexter Conrad, who walked away with third place for the event with a total of 2631, 110 of those in the X ring, advised shooters not to try to force themselves to shoot during practice fire. "If you shoot and shoot good ... shoot," he recommended. "If you shoot and shoot bad ... stop," he added, drawing a few laughs and agreeing nods from his audience.

And the competitors didn't hold back singing the Marines praises. According to Charles Poles, Jr., Hudson Valley Region Director and former president of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Incorporated, the Marines bring something special to the competition held annually in Wappinger Falls. "We are absolutely delighted to have them," stated Poles. "For them to come out and demonstrate better techniques and better scores is great," he added following the almost two-hour long clinic. "There's a certain level of prestige ...," Pole commented about having the Marines shoot in their competition. "They are certainly representative of some of the best shooters in the country."

The Marine team has been competing at the NY State Championship for the past 10 years, and they have finished at the top every time.

The competition consists of three matches of fire, the 22-caliber match, the Center Fire match and the 45-caliber match. A shooter can score a total of 900 points for each match for a day total of 2700 points. Tiebreakers are decided by the highest number of shots in the X ring.

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This years "high master" and winner of the competition was Gunnery Sgt. Brian Zin, a former recruiter, who shot a day total of 2,656 with 141 of those in the X ring.

Zin currently holds the National Champion title, as he has done for the past three years.

He was followed by Master Sgt. Bethards - 1995 All-Marine Champion, with a total of 2637 points and 127 X's; Staff Sgt. Dexter Conrad, current 2001 All-Marine Shooting Champion, with 2631 and 110 X's; Sgt. Michael Lawson, a new member to the team, with a total of 2617 points and 107 X's; Gunnery Sgt. Carlos "Snakebite" Butts with a total of 2607 points and 90 X's; Master Sgt. Randy Lawless, with 2599 points and 108 X's and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Watkins with 2524 points and 81 X's. Chief Warrant Officer -3 Anthony Carbonari's score, the officer-in-charge of the pistol team, was not available.

Last year, a former member of the team shot the range record, which still stands.

In addition to setting range records and offering clinics to their competitors, the team is trying hard to let recruiting districts and recruiters know they are available to assist recruiting in anyway possible when the team is in their area.

"We're the best kept secret in the Marine Corps," Bethards stated matter-of-factly. "I was on the streets (as a recruiter) for three years," he added, "and when I told people about being on the shooting team and traveling around, I got a lot more 'face time' than when I told them I was an artillery mechanic."

Bethards wants all recruiters to take advantage of the team being in their area, and they have much to offer.

eing in their area, and they have much to offer. The team members can hold marksmanship clinics, ex-

plain and demonstrate many of their high-speed weapons and even arrange, in many cases, for the poolees to fire certain weapons, both live fire and simulated.

Not only are they available to recruiters, Officer Selection Offices, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Cadets when they are on tour, the team can also be requested, much like requesting a Marine Band

Bethards also feels it is important for Marines to know they exist, and for unit commanders to understand what the rewards and benefits are if you send a Marine out with the shooting team

for competition.

Commanders aren't always excited about giving up a good Marine for a couple of weeks to go compete with the shooting team, according to Bethards' experiences.

"They need to see how marksmanship is going to enhance the Marine overall," stated Bethards. "He's going to gain knowledge he can't get anywhere else.

Besides traveling, competing and becoming "master" marksmen, Marines from the shooting team are often the ones who get to test out new, high-speed weaponry for the Marine Corps.

Following the Wappinger Falls competition, the Marine Corps Shooting Team traveled on to Scarborough, Maine to compete in the "Lobster Match Championships" before returning home to Quantico.

The weekend of 15 September, the team will be conducting a shooting clinic for 4-H'rs at Appomattox, Virginia.

Following that, in October the shooting team will host the Collegiate NROTC Championship at Quantico, Va., which will include participation from more than 20 national colleges to include Ohio State, the Citadel, Michigan State and Mississippi State.

## **SPORTS**

## **PMO Intramural Champions**

#### By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Barstow Log staff

The intramural basketball season came to a close September 5 at the base gym as PMO advanced in a semifinal game and then went on to win the championship against the Rite-Jus-

The first game featured the Yermolites versus PMO. In the semifinal game, PMO did not look like the usual powerhouse they are known to be in the first half.

The PMO offense looked rusty as they only managed to put up 18 first half points. The Yermolites failed to take advantage of it though, and only put up 10 points of their own.

After both teams had a dismal first half, PMO took over the game. The Yermolites fell into self-destruction mode as they forced up bad shots and were late getting back on defense, giving PMO easy lay-ups.

PMO spread the ball around as nine different players scored in the game. The Yermolites only had four people score, and only two had more than two points.

In the end, it was an easy win for PMO as Jason Grimes finished the game with a tomahawk slam dunk. The final score was 40-18.

The top scorers for PMO were Grimes, who finished with 15 points and newcomer Scott Hadeen, who had nine points.

PMO then got ready to play the championship game against the Rite-Jus-Ones. The last time the teams played, it took overtime to decide the outcome. This game would be just as tight.

The first half started with PMO jumping out to a double-digit lead. The Rite-Jus-Ones called timeout to regroup and then gradually worked their way back in the game.

Cutting the lead to six, and then two, and finally catching up, the Rite-Jus-Ones were back in the thick of it at the end of the first half. They eventually took the lead and were up 22-21 at the end of the first half.

Neither team could get a run going in the second half. It stayed even until the last five minutes of the game.

The Rite-Jus-Ones had a slim lead, but after a couple of turnovers, PMO



Jason Grimes of PMO goes up for a slam dunk in the semifinal game of the intramural playoffs against the Yermolites. Grimes and PMO won the championship against the Rite-Jus-Ones the same night.

had the advantage. The Rite-Jus-Ones got it back on a three-pointer by John

PMO came right back by forcing a turnover at the top of the key and taking it down for an easy lay-up by Chris Barrera. The Rite-Jus-Ones then started missing their shots and PMO stretched the lead out to five points with a minute to play.

Needing to foul to stop the clock, the Rite-Jus-Ones started hounding the ball. Elder Reyes of the Rite-Jus-Ones rushed to the sideline to stop Hadeen, who had the ball. Hadeen and Reyes met each other at full steam and Hadeen bounced of Reyes and flew out of bounds. Taking exception to the aggressive play of Reyes, Hadeen came after Reyes. They were pulled apart and then both were subsequently ejected from the game.

The Rite-Jus-Ones got the ball back and Bryce Catlett hit a three to bring his team within two. PMO would score the last bucket of the game for a 46-42 win, and the championship.

Barrera led PMO with 13 points and Catlett led the Rite-Jus-Ones with 12 points on the night.

## **Standings**

**PMO** Rite-Jus-Ones 3-3 Clinic Yermolites 0-6

## **GUNNY'S PICKS**

Week 2



Eliasar Lee Fernandez is the Gunny's Picks winner for Week One. He picked 12 out of 14 games correct in the opening weekend of NFL action.

Fernandez is a mechanic in Cost Work Center 725 at the Maintenance Center. He doesn't have a favorite team, and the only thing he had to say about his win is, "I'm back.'

He plans on staying in the winner's circle for weeks to come, but it is up to you to knock him off the top spot.

To submit your choices for Gunny's Picks, fill out this section of the newspaper and drop it off at the Public Affairs Office in the Red Wing of Building 15, or e-mail who you think will win each game to editor@barstow.usmc.mil. Call 577-6451 for rules and deadlines.

New England at Carolina\* \*Jacksonville at Chicago \*Arizona at Washington \*Green Bay at NY Giants NY Jets at Oakland\* Kansas City at Seattle\* Cleveland at Pittsburgh\*

Denver at Indianapolis\* \*Dallas at Detroit Cincinnati at Tennessee\* San Francisco at New Orleans\* Buffalo at Miami\* Philadelphia at Tampa Bay\* Atlanta at St. Louis\*

#### **Monday Night**

Minnesota at Baltimore\* (34) Total points:\_

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Monday	night's	game is	a tie-	breaker	and	must	include a	ı total	score.

## **SPORTS BRIEFS**

#### **All-Marine Ironman Team Lottery**

The 2002 All-Marine Ironman Hawaii Triathlon team will be selected by the Ironman Hawaii Race Director. Selections will be made from Marines who have qualified at qualifying events and Marines who have submitted a lottery application.

The on-line lottery application will be available on Ironman Hawaii's Web Site at http://www.ironmanlive.com.

Marines must apply for the lottery if they want to be considered for the 2002 All-Marine Team. Marines who have applied for the lottery will then be required to submit applications to Semper Fit.

#### **High Desert Baseball Association**

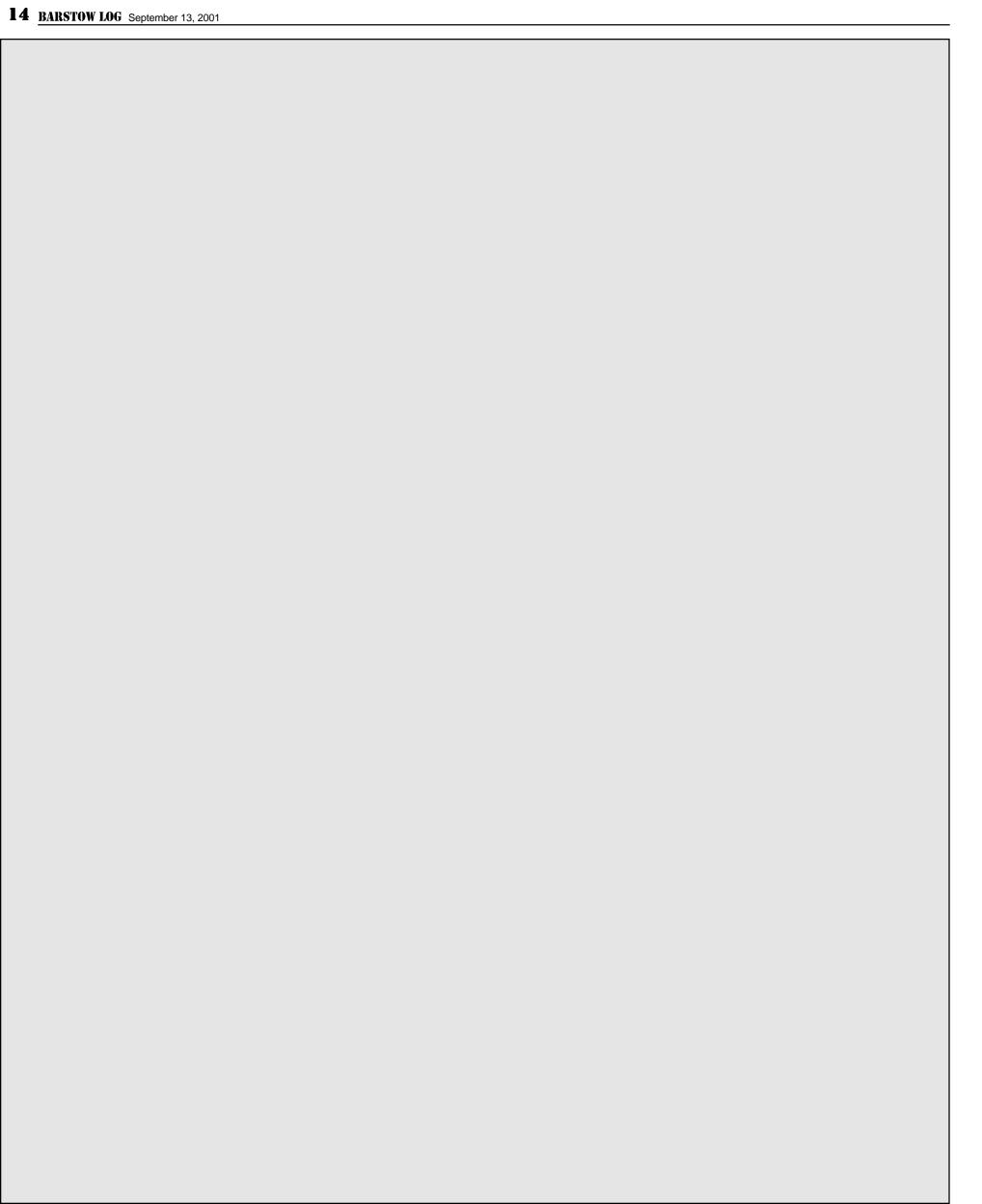
The High Desert Baseball Association is offering two divisions of play for men of 30 years and older and two seasons.

The Senior Division is open to men turning age 30 during this calendar year. A Master's Division is open for men turning 38 or older during the calendar year. Seniors will play one nine inning game each Sunday, while Masters will play one seven inning game.

The first season begins this month and extends into November. The second will be in the spring, from March to July.

There are no tryouts and special rules assure participation.

Teams are also eligible to compete in regional and national tournaments. For more info call (760) 948-6412 or visit Web site http:// www.eteamz.com/hdaba.



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MISCELLANEOUS: 454 Chev., cast crank fresh 10/10, \$125: Ford 2300, cyl hd. Cleaned and checked for cracks, \$125; new cam bergs, also 10/10 crank \$100. Call 243-1392.

MISCELLANEOUS: Child's loft bed w/side rails and homework desk underneath, \$150 OBO. Call 256-1914 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Window G.E. room air conditioner, 8,000 BTU/9.8 EER, will cool approx. 250-300 sq. ft., 3 cooling and 2 fan speed, still in the box, \$175. Call 252-3309 Lv

MISCELLANEOUS: Crib with mattress, white xlt. cond., \$100. Call 252-5818 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Towing mirrors, \$40/pair, receiver hitch class III, \$75; Michelin tires LT 235 85 R16 xlt. Cond. 7 at \$45. each; Metal platform hitch haul f/auto or truck, nearly new, \$75. Call 256-6629.

MISCELLANEOUS: New black entertainment center, TV, VCR and stereo, with glass door, CD storage and shelves, 4 ft. tall, paid \$200, will sell for \$100. Call 252-1059.

MISCELLANEOUS: Jet pump for pool system, only used 3 months, 220 volts, \$125, OBO. Call 243-

MISCELLANEOUS: Queen water bed, sits on pedestal with drawer's mirrored head board and shelves, \$150, OBO. Call 253-1942.

MISCELLANEOUS: Twenty eight 1 quart mason jars for home canning, \$13; cell phone (Nokia 5120) with battery and case, \$40. Call 242-8839.

MISCELLANEOUS: Stereo radio cassette recorder, Sharp (Boombox) \$45; G.E. cordless wall or desk mount, \$20; grass trimmer, cordless rechargeable battery \$20. Call 242-

MISCELLANEOUS: Oak pool table, includes sticks, stick rack, balls and

cover, \$500. Call 252-5831 or 252-

8839.

#### BRIEFS from Page 3

#### **Barstow Rodeo**

All right all you cowboys and cowgirls, git yer duds on and head on down to the 14th Annual Barstow Rodeo Stampede September 29 and 30 at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Arena at the Yermo Annex.

The rodeo kicks off at 7:30 p.m. September 29 and 5 p.m. Sept. 30.

General Admission tickets are \$10 in advance and \$11 at the gate. Group tickets for parties of five are available for advance purchase only at \$42.50.

In addition, V.I.P. tickets, which include preferred seating, a complimentary beverage and a souvenir program are \$15.

The Rodeo is sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and is a competitive points rodeo. Last year, Rodeo organizers estimated 7,000-plus attendees were on hand to witness a field of 250 PRCA cowboys compete in calf- and team-roping events, steer wrestling, bareback riding, saddle bronc and bull riding.

The Barstow Rodeo Stampede is traditionally one of the final rodeos before the National Finals Rodeo in December, making it a magnet for top names in the sport who are in need of points to qualify for the finals.

There will be Mutton-Bustin' for the kiddies 65 pounds and under both days. Rodeo tickets are available at ITT, 577-6541, or call Brenda German, 577-7139.

For more info about the rodeo, call the Barstow Rodeo Group at 252-3093.

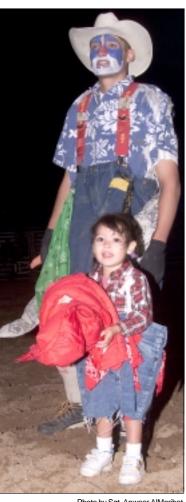


Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

Rodeo clown-in-training Natalie Burnau prepares for the muttonbustin' with her dad, Bobby Burnau during last year's rodeo.